

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, July 13, 2009**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Caldwell Pinckney Jr., Council District No. 7; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex officio; Mrs. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Committee Member Robert O. Call, Council District No. 3, Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5, and Committee Member Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8, were excused from this meeting.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

During periods of discussion and/or presentations, minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.

Chairman Pinckney called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from a meeting of the Committee on Community Services held May 11, 2009.

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Ms. Stacy Thomas, Airport Manager, Re: Approval to Accept the Airport Improvement Federal Grant Offer, Part B, from the FAA to Fund Airfield Stormwater System Improvement (Design and Bid Phase II), and Runway 5/23 Rehabilitation (Design and Bid Phase II) (The FAA mapped an outline of grant money available for the above projects and has made a 2009 AIP Grant Offer. Some matching funds, 2.5 percent, would be required.)

Ms. Thomas asked for the Committee's approval to accept an Airport Improvement Federal Grant Offer, Part B, from the FAA to fund the Design and Bid Phase II of both the Airfield Stormwater System Improvement and Runway 5/23 rehabilitation. This grant offer would be in the amount of \$163,163.00, with matching funds, in the amount of \$4,293.00 (two and one-half percent of the grant offer), required from the County.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve** the **acceptance** of an **Airport Improvement Federal Grant Offer**.

Part B, from the FAA to fund the Design and Bid Phase II of the Airfield Stormwater System Improvement and the Design and Bid Phase II of the Runway 5/23 rehabilitation, in the amount of \$163,163.00, with matching funds required from the County in the amount of \$4,293.00.

Committee Member Farley questioned if funds were allocated in the budget for this item.

Ms. Thomas responded that funds were allocated in the Airport's budget.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Without objection, Chairman Pinckney introduced Ms. Tracy Doran, President of the Humanities Foundation, to discuss some information released from the Governor's Office for homeless prevention and stimulus funds, in addition to a deadline to act for those funds.

Ms. Doran addressed the Committee and stated a deadline was approaching, July 20th, to submit an application for funding of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) through the SC Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. Ms. Doran stated that the Humanities Foundation, with an office located on Daniel Island, has a program, ShelterNet, which pays rent and utilities for families in the Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties at risk of losing their homes. The HPRP is a grant provided through HUD (Housing and Urban Development) that has been made available through the American Recovery Investment Act. South Carolina would be receiving \$11,000,000. A lot of organizations are applying for these funds. It would be a three-year grant program to help families up to 18 months when dealing with job loss. Re-evaluations would be completed every three months. This would allow the Humanities Foundation to help a larger number of families.

Chairman Pinckney asked if there were any funds available for home refurbishing if a family's living conditions were deplorable.

Ms. Doran responded that the HPRP did not provide funds for that type situation. HPRP would provide monies for rent, with the exception of mortgage payments. If a home is foreclosed, funds would be available to relocate and pay rent. There would also be funds available for utilities, credit counseling and legal assistance. The grant would provide funds for rentals and utilities, in addition to working with community service providers and case managers, and use of a database to track clients, their demographics and the assistance provided those clients.

Committee Member Schurlknight asked how many families the HPRP could provide assistance for.

Ms. Doran responded that information regarding that question was being compiled at this time. It was unknown at this time the number of families who would qualify for this assistance. Ms. Doran did not anticipate many families which would require assistance, but it would possibly be well over 1,000 families in the Tri-county Area.

Committee Member Schurlknight commended Ms. Doran for the work performed by the Humanities Foundation to assist the needy.

Committee Member Callanan asked if any of these funds, if approved, could be used for anything other than rent and utilities (i.e., used to build subsidized housing units).

Ms. Doran responded that there were over 100 different organizations that referred clients to the Humanities Foundation. These organizations would identify households in danger of eviction or utility shut-off, verify incomes and situations. Payments would be made directly to the landlords and public utility companies.

Committee Member Callanan asked if 100 percent of the funds would be used for assistance.

Ms. Doran responded that it would actually include the salary of a social worker. There were no administrative monies, but there are salary monies if someone is needed to run the program.

In conclusion, Ms. Doran asked for the Committee's approval for application of a grant by the Humanities Foundation for HPRP.

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Farley to **approve** support of an **application** for a **grant** by the Humanities Foundation for participation in the **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program** through ShelterNet. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Without objection, Chairman Pinckney introduced Ms. Ashley Redmond, Ryan White Program Director, for the Roper St. Francis Healthcare HIV Care Management Program.

Ms. Redmond stated that she too was facing a July 20th deadline to apply for grant funding. The HIV Care Management Program, a federally funded program, services Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties. The program helps coordinate comprehensive medical care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The Part C Program is an Early Intervention Service Program designed to help improve the quality and availability of primary healthcare with respect to HIV/AIDS disease. There are approximately 350 patients in the program.

Ms. Redmond continued and stated that another part of the Roper St. Francis Ryan White Program was Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), which has been in existence for one year. Application of grant funds would be for median term assistance, which would allow clients to be placed in housing for a longer period of time. Housing opportunities for the program's HIV population would allow for continuation of the provided accessibility of comprehensive and Standard of Care primary care to persons with HIV.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Cathy Davis to **approve** support of an **application** for a **grant** by Roper St. Francis Ryan White

HIV Outpatient Care Management Program for participation in the **Hope Housing Project for HIV-positive residents** of the Tri-county region. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **adjourn** the meeting of the Committee on Community Services. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

August 10, 2009

Date Approved

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Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday July 13, 2009**, following the meetings of the Committees on Public Works and Purchasing, Water and Sanitation and Land Use at **6:00 p.m.**, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 11, 2009

A. Ms. Stacy Thomas, Airport Manager, Re: Approval to accept the Airport Improvement Federal Grant offer, Part B, from the FAA to fund Airfield Storm Water System Improvement (Design and Bid Phase II) and Runway 5/23 Rehabilitation (Design and Bid Phase II). (The FAA mapped an outline of grant money available for the above projects and has made a 2009 AIP Grant Offer.) Some matching funds (2.5%) would be required.

July 8, 2009
S/Barbara B. Austin, CCC
Clerk of County Council